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Luke 24:38-39

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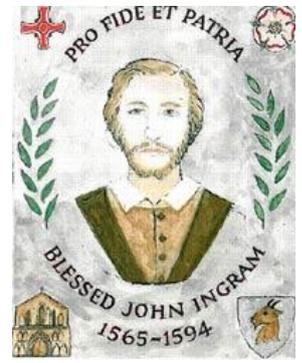
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The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**18 April 2021**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Year B**

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- **THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH** During the National Lockdown, and with the support of our volunteer stewards and cleaners, Fr Peter is continuing to celebrate Sunday Morning Mass with a congregation at 10.00am. All other Masses will be celebrated without a congregation. Remember that in the present circumstances, you are under no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holydays of Obligation. If you intend to come to church on Sunday or on Holy Thursday or Good Friday, please follow the 'booking-in' system detailed on the next page. If you are unable to attend Mass in church, Sunday Morning Mass will continue to be available to view on our Parish YouTube channel <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgMFOHdfuCFLQ> and on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/) - The Parish of Our Lady & St Philip Neri.
- Live broadcasts of Mass from various locations and at various times can be found at the following website: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)
- As part of the pastoral care of parishioners and others during this COVID-19 lockdown, a number of qualified counsellors and listeners have generously made themselves available to anyone who may be troubled by the negative effects of the pandemic. These counsellors and listeners can be contacted through the St Mary's Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

*Mass times listed below indicate Masses to be celebrated in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - if you wish to attend, please 'book-in' (see over page)*

<b>Sunday 18 April Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 19 April		Priest's Intention
Tuesday 20 April		Michael Short (dec.)
Wednesday 21 April		Tom Clapperton (dec.)
Thursday 22 April		In Thanksgiving (AC)
Friday 23 April <i>St George, Patron of England</i>		Deceased Mackay & Lowden Families (dec.)
Saturday 24 April		Priest's Intention
<b>Sunday 25 April Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>		

*Readings at Mass 19 - 24 April: Third Week of Eastertide*

**CANON MICHAEL MCCOY RIP** Bishop Robert has released the following statement: 'It is with a sense of deep shock and sadness that I have to inform you that Canon Michael McCoy, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne, died on Saturday 10 April 2021. This is a time of great grief for Canon Michael's family, his friends, his parishioners and for our whole Diocese. I would ask you to pray for the repose of his soul, and also to keep his family in your prayers at this most painful time.'

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Matty Bullock, Mary Carrick, Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Joseph Howstan, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Barbara Stephenson, Geoff Taylor.

**If you or any members of your family are going into hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please ask a member of the ward staff to let the Catholic Chaplain know. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly, tel. 0191 445 2072 (Catholic Chaplain: Rev. Peter Jones). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle, tel. 0191 233 6161 (Catholic Chaplain: Fr Mariadass 0191 273 3903).**

### SUNDAY MORNING 10.00am MASS

In order to ensure that all those coming to church can have a seat and be safely accommodated, there is a dedicated telephone 'booking in' system - the telephone number is 07388 814715 and you can contact this number Monday - Wednesday, 11am - 6pm. Please note this number does not accept text messaging and there is no facility to leave a message.

*For those who have booked-in and are attending Mass, the church will open half an hour before the published Mass time.*

***The wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has an exemption from this. At all times, when travelling to and from church, and whilst in church, you must observe strict social distancing (i.e. 2 metres) from anyone not in your household or support bubble and you must not mingle with anyone not in your household or support bubble before, during or after Mass.***

*A one-way system is in place in the church, plus hand sanitisers at the entrance (Main Doors) and exit (Day Chapel). Once in church, please be guided by the volunteer stewards.*

*There is also a poster on display with Immaculate Heart's QR code which can be scanned using the NHS COVID-19 app if you have downloaded it onto your mobile phone. Contact details will also still be requested, manually noted and safely stored for 21 days.*

***Sunday Morning Mass will also be available online and can be viewed on our YouTube channel [here](#).***

### SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION (NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND)

There are currently some 50 retired priests living in the Diocese, and more due to retire over the summer after years of faithful and dedicated ministry to the people of God in the North East. There is collection basket at the back of Immaculate Heart Church or you can post any donations through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery (please mark your envelope **NBF**). Please make any cheques payable to *Northern Brethren Fund*. The Fund will remain open until 2 May.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ANNUAL APPEAL** Next Sunday 25 April there will be a special collection to support the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor and to raise funds for St Joseph's Home in Newcastle. There will be envelopes available for your donations. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please complete details on the envelope.

**ACTIVITIES SHEETS** Week 54. In celebration of having reached stage 2 of the roadmap out of lockdown this week, we have some suitably themed activity sheets for you. There's a Hairdressing Word Search, a High Street mindfulness colouring page and a Family Observation challenge sheet. In addition there's a Fruit and Veg word puzzle and a Family Currency and Emblem quiz. Enjoy! All activities can be found on the parish website [here](#) together with the previous week's answers. (Just under the link for that week's newsletter.) You'll find all previous sheets there too. Good Luck!



**GIFT FOR LIFE Cameras at the ready!** Following the success of the 2021 *Gift for Life* Calendar, we are already planning the 2022 version and thought that all you budding photographers would appreciate an early warning. The theme this time is ***The Changing Seasons*** and

full details of the competition are set out [here](#) on the parish website. You don't need to submit any entries until September but please get out with your camera during the year to support our fundraising. It would be great to have more of our young people involved this time too. Spread the word! The *Gift for Life* group continues to meet monthly by Zoom with our next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm. If you would like to attend or find out more, please contact us via [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com)

**RED MISSION BOXES 2020: THANK YOU!** In 2020, our community of Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish raised a total of £3635.91 through our red boxes and donations to *Missio* and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by Covid-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks and tell us that they pray for us all. Find out more at [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

**BLESSED JOHN INGRAM** As many of you will know, Blessed John Ingram (1565 - 1594), who is patron of our local Partnership, was a Reformation martyr who was executed on Gateshead High Street for ministering to the faithful of this region. During his ministry, he was assisted and sheltered by local aristocrats, but was eventually apprehended and convicted on a charge of high treason. We ask you to please pray for the canonisation of this dedicated and selfless martyr. An on-line petition has been set up to gain support for his cause. For the petition and more information on Blessed John Ingram, please [click here](#). You can also [read more](#) about him on the Diocesan website's *Northern Saints* pages.

**NORTHERN CROSS NEEDS YOU!** *Northern Cross* relies entirely on revenue from newspaper sales, annual subscriptions and advertising to continue publishing. We now face significant financial difficulties - like many businesses - as we are unable to sell the print edition in churches. **We encourage you to help us by taking out an annual online subscription, at £20, or an annual print subscription at £36 where the Northern Cross is delivered direct to your door (including post and packing).** You can pay by bank transfer online - please email: [admin@northerncross.org.uk](mailto:admin@northerncross.org.uk) for the details. When asked for a reference, please use your name, to allow us to verify your payment, then email [editor@northerncross.org.uk](mailto:editor@northerncross.org.uk). To pay by cheque, please make cheques payable to 'Northern Cross' and post them to: Subscriptions Dept, Northern Cross, c/o WM Fortune & Son, Collingwood House, Church Square, Hartlepool, TS24 7EN. Thank you.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** for the new Financial Year are now available at the back of Immaculate of Mary Church. If any parishioners do not yet contribute by planned giving and would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office, email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or tel. 0191 460 4274.

**PARISH OFFERTORY DONATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC** Many thanks to all our parishioners who have continued to make contributions through individual donations, planned-giving envelopes and standing orders or bank transfers. If you would like to set up a standing order for your regular contributions, or to make a one-off contribution, please make arrangements with your bank. The Parish account details you will need to do this are:

*DHN Gateshead Our Lady and St Philip Neri*

*Sort code: 40-34-45 Account number: 21167936*

*Reference for standing orders: insert your own name; commencing: e.g. 6th of each month; frequency: each month, quarterly or annually.* Alternatively, if you have Planned Giving envelopes or *Gift for Life* envelopes you can always put them through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery or bring them with you if you are coming to Immaculate Heart Church for Sunday Mass or to drop off items for the Food Appeal. Thank you.

**UPDATE - FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT** Please note if you're not able to or would rather not shop for the Food Bank we're happy to accept a cash donation to shop on your behalf.

Currently we are well stocked with teabags, lentils, chickpeas, kidney beans & feminine hygiene. **Please could you focus upon donating: UHT milk, laundry powder/liquid, shower gel, kitchen roll, gravy granules, biscuits, tomato purée, squash, sugar, tinned custard, rice pudding, fruit, meat balls, soup and pasta.** We also appreciate any other non-perishable items such as: cereal, hot chocolate, toilet rolls, hot dogs, tuna, tinned meat etc. - all gratefully received.

Every Thursday volunteers are in church between 9.30 am - 10.30 am so parishioners can drop donations off here if they wish. If you are dropping off donations at church please don't enter the church, give a shout and leave any donations inside the open door. You can also bring donations if you are coming to church for Mass. Thank you.

**Drop off points - for donations of food or cash remain the same.**

**Dunston area** - John Pinchen, 316 Dunston Road, Dunston (leave in the porch)

**Lobley Hill area** - Maveen Pereira, 41, Beechwood Gardens, Lobley Hill, (leave in the porch)

**Whickham area** - Katie Wilkinson, 1 Mayfield, Whickham (mobile 07837 386 760) leave donations in the back garden.

**DIOCESAN ANTI-RACISM WORKING GROUP** Bishop Robert has commissioned a working group to raise awareness of racism. The group was established following the death of George Floyd and the rise of the Black Lives Matter protest. Fr. Adrian Tuckwell, the Episcopal Vicar for Caritas, contacted members of the Pastoral Forum and created the Anti-Racism Working Group. On 26 January the Diocese held a launch anti-racism webinar entitled *Racism: A Challenge for our Diocese* which aimed to raise awareness of racism and its consequences. More than 60 people attended the event. To read more about the background, the webinar and how you can get involved, please [click here](#).

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

A gossamer veil of mist spreads its delicate folds  
across the valley below.

A thin light of springtime sun is filtered  
through this natural covering.

Above this veil and as far as the eye can see  
the burgeoning bursts of springtime enfold  
the patchwork fields and hedgerows.

Budding trees and gentle green pastures shine within  
this encompassing scene.

Silence accompanied this transformation  
as the sun encouraged like a nurturing mother  
the landscape beneath to reveal its splendour.

We too can be touched by warmth when winter darkness  
has enfolded us in pain and uncertainty.

We can feel the healing warmth of friendship and love  
and like the landscape we can trust that warmth  
and move forward.

Begin once again and see and feel the wonder  
of the present moment.

Be still. Be at peace. Enfolded in the unconditional  
love and light of Easter rebirth and hope.

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### Overcoming the Cross of hunger

Risen Lord,

shed your light on those who live in the shadow of death

and warm the hearts of those who have lost hope,

that they who daily bear the cross of hunger

may find your Promised Land,

and move from slavery to freedom.

As we proclaim your Easter song

help us to die to greed and rise to justice,

to abandon apathy and take up action,

that rich and poor together

may travel the road to freedom,

and be restored to your resurrection life. Amen.

*Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD*

**SUPPORT FOR PARISHIONERS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC** A number of parishioners are offering support to other parishioners who are vulnerable or self-isolating. If you or a friend or relative would welcome a phone call, a bit of shopping, want the newsletter dropping through your letterbox etc. please phone 07570 045976. Your request will be passed to a trusted parishioner who will contact you to discuss your request. It would be helpful if those parishioners who have contact with others who are not able to access the newsletter online could alert them to this item. Thank you.

**First Reading***Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R/v.7*

*Response: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me,  
have mercy and hear me!
2. It is the Lord who grants favours  
to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**Second Reading***1 John 2:1-5*

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.  
We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***cf. Luke 24:32*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading***Luke 24:35-48*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.**